

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 421

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas in October 2005, the Government Accountability Office released a study on Federal science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs and concluded that the Federal Government funds 207 education-related STEM programs across 13 separate Federal agencies;

Whereas in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–171), the Congress established the Academic Competitiveness Council in order to identify all Federal education programs with a mathematics and science focus;

Whereas the Academic Competitiveness Council is chaired by the Secretary of Education and brings together officials from across the Federal Government;

Whereas the Academic Competitiveness Council is charged with determining the effectiveness of each program and identifying areas of overlap or duplication; and

Whereas the Academic Competitiveness Council has up to one year after February 2006 to release its report and will recommend ways to efficiently integrate and coordinate the programs: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) mathematics and science education pro-
 4 grams across Federal agencies should be better co-
 5 ordinated;

6 (2) there should be minimal duplication among
 7 these programs and consistent standards of evalua-
 8 tion;

9 (3) the Department of Education should be
 10 commended for its rapid response in creating the
 11 Academic Competitiveness Council; and

12 (4) the recommendations of the Academic Com-
 13 petitiveness Council should be closely examined when

- 1 making decisions about Federal funding for mathe-
- 2 matics and science education programs.

Passed the House of Representatives June 7, 2006.

Attest:

Clerk.

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Expressing the sense of Congress and support for
Greater Opportunities for Science, Technology,
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